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The Silver Horde

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"The Barrier"

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(Continued From Yesterday.)

CHAPTER II.

"Who is she?" asked Emerson.

"You heard, didn't you? She's Miss Malotte, and she's certainly some considerable lady," answered the cook.

"Yes, but who is she? What does this mean?" Emerson pointed to the provisions and fittings about them. "What is she doing here alone?"

"Maybe you'd better ask her yourself," said Fraser.

For the first time in their brief acquaintance Emerson detected a strange note in the rogue's voice.

The Indian girl summoned them, and they followed her through the long passageway into the other house, where, to their utter astonishment, they seemed to step out of the frontier and into the heart of civilization. They found a tiny dining room perfectly appointed, in the center of which, wonder of wonders, was a round table gleaming like a deep mahogany pool, upon the surface of which floated silver and sparkling crystal, the dark polish of the wood reflecting the light from shaded candles. It held a delicately figured service of blue and gold, while the selection of thin stemmed glasses all in rows indicated the character of the entertainment that awaited them. The men's eyes were too busy with the unaccustomed sight to note details carefully, but they felt soft carpet beneath their feet and observed that the walls were smooth and harmoniously papered.

"This is marvelous," murmured Emerson. "I'm afraid we're not in keeping."

"Indeed you are," said the girl, "and I am delighted to have somebody to talk to. It's very lonesome here."

"This is certainly a swell place," Fraser remarked. "How did you do it?"

"I brought my things with me from Nome."

"Nome!" ejaculated Emerson quickly.

"Yes."

"Why, I've been in Nome ever since the camp was discovered. It's strange we never met."

"I didn't stay there very long; I went back to Dawson."

Again he fancied the girl's eyes held a vague challenge, but he could not be sure, for she seated him and then gave some instructions to the Aleut girl, Boyd, becoming absorbed in his own thoughts, grew more silent as the signs of refinement and civilization about him revived memories long stifled. This was not the effect for which the girl had striven. Her younger guest's tactfulness, which grew as the dinner progressed, piqued her, so at the first opportunity she bent her efforts toward rallying him. He answered politely, but she was powerless to shake off his mood.

At last he spoke:

"You said those watchmen have instructions not to harbor travelers. Why is that?"

"It is the policy of the companies. They are afraid somebody will discover gold around here. You see, this is the greatest salmon river in the world. The 'run' is tremendous and seems to

be unending; hence the cannery people wish to keep it all to themselves."

"I don't quite understand"—

"It is simple enough. Kalvik is so isolated and the fishing season is so short that the companies have to send their crews in from the States and take them out again every summer. Now, if gold were discovered hereabouts the fishermen would all quit and follow the 'strike,' which would mean the ruin of the year's catch and the loss of many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Why, this village would become a city in no time if such a thing were to happen. The whole region would fill up with miners, and not only would labor conditions be entirely upset for years, but the eyes of the world, being turned this way, other people might go into the fishing business and create a competition which would both influence prices and deplete the supply of fish in the Kalvik river. So, you see, there are many reasons why this region is forbidden to miners. You couldn't buy a pound of food nor get a night's lodging here for a king's ransom. The watchmen's jobs depend upon their unbroken bond of inhospitality, and the Indians dare not sell you anything, not even a dogfish, under penalty of starvation, for they are dependent upon the companies' stores."

"So that is why you have established a trading post of your own?"

"Oh, dear, no. This isn't a store. This food is for my men."

"Your men?"

"Yes. I have a crew out in the hills on a grub stake. This is our cabin. While they prospect for gold I stand guard over the provisions."

Fraser chuckled softly. "Then you are bucking the salmon trust?"

"After a fashion, yes. I knew this country had never been gone over, so I staked six men, chartered a schooner and came down here from Nome in the early spring. We stood off the watchman, and when the supply ships arrived we had these houses completed, and my men were out in the hills where it was hard to follow them. I stayed behind and stood the brunt of things."

"But surely they didn't undertake to injure you?" said Emerson, now thoroughly interested in this extraordinary young woman.

"Oh, didn't they?" she answered, with a peculiar laugh. "You don't appreciate the character of these people. There is no real code of financial morality, and the battle for dollars is the bitterest of all contests. Of course, being a woman, they couldn't very well attack me personally, but they tried everything except physical violence, and I don't know how long they will refrain from that. These plants are owned separately, but they operate under an agreement with one man at the head. His name is Marsh—Willis Marsh, and of course he's not my friend."

"Sort of 'united we stand, divided we fall'?"

"Exactly. That spreads the responsibility and seems to leave nobody guilty for his evil deeds. The first

thing they did was to sink my schooner. In the morning you will see her spars sticking up through the ice out in front there. One of their tugs 'accidentally' ran her down, although she was at anchor fully 300 feet inside the channel line. Then Marsh actually had the effrontery to come here personally and demand damages for the injury to his towboat, falsely claiming



NEVER
WITH A QUICK STROKE HE CUT A SINGLE LEAF.

there were no lights on the schooner. When I still remained obdurate he—he? She paused. "You may have heard of it. He killed one of my men."

"Impossible!" ejaculated Boyd.

"Oh, but it isn't impossible. Anything is possible with unscrupulous men where there is no law. They bait at nothing when in chase of money. They are different from women in that. I never heard of a woman doing murder for money."

"Was it really murder?"

"Judge for yourself. My man came down for supplies, and they got him drunk—he was a drinking man—then they stabbed him. They said a Chinaman did it in a brawl, but Willis Marsh was to blame. They brought the poor fellow here and laid him on my steps, as if I had been the cause of it. Oh, it was horrible, horrible!"

"And you still stuck to your post?" said Emerson curiously.

"Certainly! This adventure means a great deal to me, and, besides, I will not be beaten—the stem of the glass with which she had been toying snapped suddenly—"at any time."

The unsuspected luxury of the dining room and the excellence of the dinner itself had in a measure prepared Emerson for what he found in the living room. One thing staggered him—a piano. The beakskins on the floor, the big sleepy chairs, the reading table littered with magazines, the shelves of books, even the basket of fancy work—all these he could accept without further parrying, but a piano—in Kalvik!

Again Boyd withdrew into that silent mood from which no effort on the part of his hostess could arouse him, and it soon became apparent from the listless hang of his hands and the distant light in his eyes that he had even become unconscious of her presence in the room.

After an hour, during which Emerson barely spoke, she tired of Fraser's anecdotes, which had long ceased to be amusing, and, going to piano, shuffled the sheet music idly, inquiring:

"Do you care for music?" Her remark was aimed at Emerson, but the other answered: "My favorite hymn is the 'Maple Leaf Rag.' Let her go, professor."

Cherry settled herself obligingly and played ragtime. She was in the midst of some syncopated measure when Boyd spoke abruptly, "Please play something."

She understood what he meant and began really to play, realizing very soon that at least one of her guests knew and loved music. Under her deft fingers the instrument became a medium for musical speech. Gay roundelays, swift, passionate Hungarian dances, bold Wagnerian strains followed in quick succession, and the more her utter abandon the more certainly she felt the younger man respond. Then her dream filled eyes widened as she listened to his voice breathing life into the words. He sang with the ease and flexibility of an artist, his powerful baritone blending perfectly with her contralto.

For the first time she felt the man's personality, his magnetism, as if he had dropped his cloak and stood at her side in his true semblance.

"Oh, thank you," she breathed.

"Thank you," he said. "I—that's the first time in ages that I've had the heart to sing. I was hungry for music; I was starving for it. I've sat in my cabin at night longing for it until my soul fairly ached with the silence."

He took a seat near the girl and continued to talk feverishly, unable to give voice to his thoughts rapidly enough.

(To Be Continued.)

EL PASOANS AT LONG BEACH.

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 18.—E. H. Fatman, Everett Long, Dr. Leslie Hyde and Miss Mabel Silvernail, of El Paso, Tex., are registered in Long Beach at Hotel Virginia.

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"The main ore zone of the Cananea district is about 20 miles long," says Byron K. Manse, "the properties of the Arizona Cananea Mines corporation being located in the southern half. The northwestern half is owned by Greene-Cananea; Phelps, Dodge & Co. and others own the southwestern half. The copper porphyry ore is practically the same as that which occurs in the mines of the Mochizuma Copper company, owned by Phelps, Dodge & Co., and the Metcalf Hill, of the Arizona Copper company."

Ore is Black Sulphide.
"The principal ore is a black sulphide of copper or chalcocite, of which about 9 percent of all the ore produced by Greene-Cananea is composed."

"The properties of the Arizona Cananea Mines corporation have the three prerequisites necessary to copper deposits in which porphyry is contained, namely: Copper solutions in the country rock, a formation sufficiently porous for the solution to penetrate; and third a broken up condition, contacts, fractures, fissures and faults through the formation along the lines of which the solutions can pass and penetrate to both sides."

"On the Huertana mine of this company a shaft 410 feet deep has been sunk where copper values have increased with depth. Over 1500 feet of drifts and crosscuts have been driven. Two prospect shafts 40 and 50 feet have also been sunk, both showing copper values."

"On the Corralidor property a shaft 94 feet deep has been sunk near the bottom of which are assaying two percent copper was encountered."

Other Holdings Good.
"The Monte, Creston, Native, Blight and Elena properties of the company are in one group, through which runs a gulch, the water running through which carries considerable copper sulphate. Native copper has been found and some oxides, but not in considerable quantity. There are four shafts on these properties, varying from 20 to 110 feet. In one of the shafts ore assaying 11 percent copper and 30 ounces silver per ton was discovered. In shaft No. 4 a six inch seam of 20 percent copper ore was struck, the next eight feet being in concentrating ore."

"There are also two tunnels on these properties, one being 1950 feet long, which was driven to prospect the ground and to get a depth of about 350 feet under a series of two features. About 700 feet from the mouth of the tunnel the first fracture was encountered, where a drift was run for 30 feet in ore averaging one and a half percent copper. A winze has also been sunk and drifting been done at the bottom for 130 feet with 60 feet of crosscut, all of which is in concentrating ore."

"Other properties owned by the Arizona Cananea Mines corporation are the Martini, Escosco, Pelon and Residual, containing over 900 acres, and with good surface indications. The Greene-Cananea has entirely surrounded the Residual with denunciations and has done some exploratory work with satisfactory results."

MARATHON OIL WELL
IS BEING DRILLED

Abandoned Well Is Taken
Up by New Parties and
Operations Are on.

Marathon, Tex., Aug. 18.—A local company, through Mr. and Mrs. Scribner, of California, formed a company known as the Marathon Oil and Development company, Mr. Scribner bringing machinery and putting down a well about 900 feet. The slush water at this time is showing large patches of oil as it is poured out. At that time, and with no apparent cause, the drill stuck and has never been removed.

There arose much friction among the members, resulting in the suspension of all operations up to the present time. At a recent meeting the parties compromised by Mr. Scribner accepting the abandoned well and five acres of land and a share in the sale of holdings and withdrawing from the company.

There being two companies anxious to work the field some sales will be made to them and J. A. Hargus, one of the leading stockholders, has gone to purchase a 2000 foot steam rig and will put down another well as soon as he arrives.

On the other hand, Mr. Scribner is taking out supplies and material to complete his well which, according to reports, will soon be accomplished, he having already penetrated the oil sand.

MEXICAN FINED BECAUSE
HE SANG TOO LOUD.

Santos Corillo, Mexican, was fined \$10 in police court Wednesday after-noon on a charge of disturbing the peace and discharging fire arms within the city limits. Corillo's principal offense seemed to be singing welcome songs at the window of his former sweetheart. There was some doubt in the mind of the court as to whether Santos or the father of the girl fired the shots, but no doubt as to the disturbance of the peace.

SOUTHWESTERNERS SPEND
VACATIONS IN LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 18.—Arizona and El Paso arrivals at Hotel Rosslyn, Los Angeles, are: E. W. Smith, Crown King; Mrs. D. M. Parnell, Mrs. F. E. Patton, El Paso; Thos. Light, Globe; T. N. Jones, Mrs. F. E. Jones, Bisbee; L. C. Crabtree and wife, Yuma; H. O. Parks and wife, Wilcox; Daisy Bright, Phoenix; O. D. Owen, El Paso; J. P. Graham, F. D. Ensign and family, Phoenix.

SOLOMONVILLE PERSONALS.

Solomonville, Ariz., Aug. 18.—J. Adkins is very sick and is thought to be suffering from typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Coon and daughters, Lucy and Fanny, left for their home at Duncan. They had been visiting Mr. Coon's mother, Mrs. L. R. Gunther.

Dem H. Cloridge and wife were called to Graham, where Mrs. Cloridge's brother broke his leg.

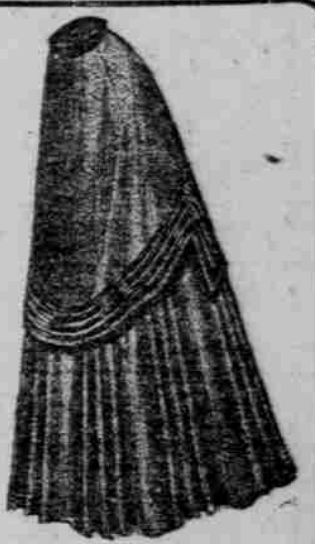
Clark & Ginzard are baling hay at the "Big Ranch," working three shifts.

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The following specials are for tomorrow, Saturday and Monday. Fall goods are now coming in and all summer stock must be sold. Profit in most cases is not considered.

Dresses Reduced		Ladies' Skirts	
\$5.00 new style wash dresses, made of fine imported ging-ham, for	\$2.50	\$12.50 fine voile skirts and chiffon panama skirts on sale at	\$9.98
\$3.50 dresses, made of figured batiste, new in style, at	\$1.98	\$10.00 high grade French voile and chiffon panama skirts for	\$8.50
\$15.00 silk dresses on sale at	\$8.95	\$8.50 fine voile and chiffon panama skirts on sale at	\$6.95
\$12.50 black silk taffeta dresses at	\$7.50	\$7.50 high grade all wool voile and chiffon panama skirts for	\$5.95
\$8.50 white and colored lawn dresses at	\$4.25	\$6.50 high grade all wool chiffon panama, voile and colored skirts for	\$4.95
Ladies' Wash Suits		Specials In Piece Goods	
\$7.50 colored wash suits for ladies for	\$3.50	35c dress lawns and mulls for	20c
\$6.50 white lawn and wash suits for	\$3.50	25c mulls and dress lawns for	14c
\$5.00 and \$6.50 wash suits for ladies for	\$2.98	20c colored dress lawns for	12 1/2c
Linen Specials		15c colored dress lawns for	8 1/2c
25c colored dress lawns, 36 inch, on sale at	16 1/2c	12 1/2c colored dress lawns for	7 1/2c
\$1.00 linen sheeting, suitable for shirts and waists	68c	10c colored dress lawns for	6 1/4c
25c 42 inch white lawn on sale at	18c	7 1/2c and 8 1/2c colored dress lawns for	5c
20c 42 inch white lawn on sale at	15c	6 1/4c colored dress lawns for	4c
15c 42 inch white lawn on sale at	11 1/2c	1 special lot of dress lawns, 10 yards for	35c
12 1/2c 42 inch lawn for	9c	1 special lot of the best 12 1/2c gingham for	10c
25c white India linen for	18c	10 yards of apron check gingham for	50c
20c white India linen for	15c	8 1/2c double fold percales, 10 yards for	57c
15c and 16 1/2c white India linen on sale at	12 1/2c		
12 1/2c India linen for	10c		
10c India linen for	7 1/2c		
Napkin Special			
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Long Kimonos

\$7.50 long silk kimonos on sale at	\$5.50
\$6.50 long silk kimonos on sale at	\$4.50
\$5.00 long silk kimonos on sale at	\$3.65
1 special lot of all silk long kimonos for	\$2.75
\$2.50 long crepe kimonos on sale at	\$1.98
\$2.00 long crepe kimonos on sale at	\$1.55
\$1.50 long crepe kimonos on sale at	\$1.15
\$1.25 long crepe kimonos on sale at	98c

Sheets—Pillow Cases

42 inch Peppercorn pillow casing, 6 yards limit, for 10 yards Lonsdale bleached domestic for	12 1/2c
75c 81x90 sheets, Peppercorn brand, for	85c
70c 70x90 Peppercorn sheets on sale at	67c
65c 81x90 Ringwood sheets for	63c
1 special lot of sheets, made with seam, 4 sheets limit. Pillow cases, 42x36 inch, limit 8 cases, for	59c
1 special lot of 42x36 inch cases, limit 1 doz.	37c
10 yards of T brand bleached domestic for	\$1.00
10 yards of high grade cambric for	\$1.10

10 yards of T brand bleached domestic for 75c

10 yards of high grade cambric for \$1.00

are going to reform and be good. In the next they swear they will pay no attention to law, and they don't. A law abiding saloon is a contradiction of terms.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.
By the Local Press Committee.

You are expressly invited to attend the meeting in the interest of the press department of the W. C. T. U. Friday at 3 p.m. at the quarters of the Y. W. C. A. in the old Toltec building.

Let the date be so impressed upon your mind that pressure of business will not cause you to overlook it.

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Our Pledge—"I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from alcoholic liquors as a beverage, including wine, beer and cider, and that I will employ all proper means to discourage the use of or traffic in the same."

Had For Brewing Business.
At the recent meeting of the New Jersey State Brewers' association in the city of Newark, while a dozen or more of the party were seated at lunch it was noticed that none were served with alcoholic beverages but drank whisky or apollinaris instead. The somewhat cautious young president of a Jersey City brewery came into the lunch room and looking over the table remarked:

"Is this a Prohibition convention? I won't sit with such a crowd," and took a seat at another table, and promptly ordered beer to be served. With a laugh the others cried, "We're sorry not to be good enough company for you Gus, but all at this table are on the water wagon."

It developed in the Jersey City courts that this same "Gus," in selling real estate in the neighborhood of his home, incorporates a strict prohibition clause in the title deeds. His company owns hundreds of beer saloons, and places them near the homes of poor men, but he takes good care that nobody shall place such nuisances where they can offend his family.

If these brewers' patrons followed their example in respect to abstinence, it would be bad for the brewing business, but good for said patrons.

Brewers Boast of Law Defiance.
"No matter what laws may be made to cripple the beverage industries of our time, they cannot and will not be observed by those managing these industries." This is the ultimatum which is editorially voiced by a leading organ of the liquor trade, the Brewers' Journal, New York, in its issue of May 1.

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